



Outreach Event on Compensatory Mitigation

Date: Wednesday, June 1, 2016

Time: 9:00am-4:00pm (CDT)

Location: Fleming Training Center

2022 Blanton Drive

Murfreesboro, TN 37129

Information:

Compensatory mitigation is used to offset environmental resource loss resulting from unavoidable impacts to waters of the State of Tennessee authorized by Aquatic Resource Alteration Permits (ARAPs). Permit applicants are responsible for proposing and implementing an appropriate compensatory mitigation option commensurate with the extent and type of resource loss. Depending on the location, extent, and type of resource loss, compensatory mitigation may be achieved through the purchase of compensatory mitigation credits from a mitigation bank, in-lieu fee (ILF) program, or completion of permittee-responsible mitigation, although not all of these options may be available or practical for every project.

In the State of Tennessee, compensatory mitigation is frequently governed jointly by the TN Department of Environment and Conservation and the US Army Corps of Engineers when unavoidable impacts to federal or state waters are authorized via ARAPs, 401 Water Quality Certification, or 404 (dredge and fill) permits.

The early coordination of projects potentially needing mitigation aids in the development and review of ecologically successful and sustainable compensatory mitigation that meet the requirements of state and federal statute, rules, and guidance. Frequently, the development of a successful mitigation plan, especially permittee-responsible mitigation, requires time and planning by the permittee and should be factored into the time-frame necessary to complete the permitting process.

In order to keep the public and mitigation practioners informed concerning compensatory mitigation options and the requirements for a mitigation plan, TDEC will host a public outreach event jointly with the US Army Corps of Engineers.

This event will cover TDEC and Corps regulatory authority, jurisdictional determinations, 2004 Stream Mitigation Guidelines for the State of Tennessee, 2008 Mitigation Rule, and compensatory mitigation guidance.

If you are planning to attend the workshop please <u>register online</u>.